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"Stop This Train"

No, I'm not colorblind
I know the world is black and white
I try to keep an open mind
But I just can't sleep on this tonight

Cherish the moments,
don't rush life

Metaphor: train = life
PLEASE PAUSE LIFE

doesn't want life to pass so quickly

Stop this train I want to get off and go home again
I can't take the speed it's moving in, I know I can't
But, honestly, won't someone stop this train?

depressing

Don't know how else to say it
I don't want to see my parents go
One generation's length away
From fighting life out on my own

not confident

die/leave → being alone
no support

growing up means you'll ultimately HAVE to deal w/ death + loneliness + loss

dichotomy
"fighting" reveals life is challenging

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So scared of getting older
I'm only good at being young
So I play the numbers game
To find a way to say that life has just begun

losing innocence
challenges of adulthood
make growing scary

Had a talk with my old man
Said, "Help me understand"
He said "Turn sixty-eight,
You'll renegotiate

"dad" + responsibilities
when you're older, you'll rethink your opinions

Don't stop this train
Don't for a minute change the place you're in
Don't think I couldn't ever understand
I tried my hand

continue w/ life despite its obstacles, b/c everything happens for a reason

John, honestly, we'll never stop this train."

Once in awhile, when it's good
It'll feel like it should
And they're all still around
And you're still safe and sound
And you don't miss a thing
Till you cry when you're driving away in the dark

accept & enjoy the ride b/c you can't stop it

Singing,
Stop this train I want to get off and go home again
I can't take the speed it's moving in, I know I can't
Cause now I see, I will never stop this train